



*KUANTAN, Malaysia (Aug. 4, 2016) Vice Adm. C. Forrest Faison III, surgeon general of the Navy, salutes sideboys as he arrives aboard hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19). During his visit, he met with Pacific Partnership 2016 personnel, toured Mercy and held an Admiral's Call where he answered questions from the crew. Mercy is in Kuantan in support of Pacific Partnership 2016, the first time Mercy and Pacific Partnership have visited Malaysia. During the mission stop, partner nations work side-by-side with local military and civilian organizations in a search and rescue exercise, civil engineering projects, community relation events and subject matter expert exchanges. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Hank Gettys/Released)*

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE NAVY SURGEON GENERAL: READINESS, HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS**

*By Vice Adm. Forrest Faison, Navy surgeon general*

Shipmates,

Navy Medicine is dedicated to the best readiness and health in the world and it is our mission to keep Sailors, Marines and their family ready, healthy and on the job. As your 38<sup>th</sup> Navy surgeon general, I understand the significance of quality care and the increasing role patients play in their healthcare, along with those things that influence their health care decisions. In order to continue to meet your health care

needs and those we are privileged to serve, I believe we must take strides toward change in a rapidly evolving world.



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As Navy Medicine adapts to change, my priority is to meet the unique needs of our Sailors, Marines, and their families around the globe who have entrusted Navy Medicine with their health and well-being, ensuring they are ready to go whenever and wherever needed to do our nation's work.

**Readiness:** We save lives wherever our forces operate – at and from the sea.

Our care is second to none.

Navy Medicine has the highest combat survival rate in recorded history. I am proud to say that we are dedicated and committed to selflessly serve and save the lives of our Sailors, Marines and their families. Through research, development and the rapid delivery of new capabilities, we are uniquely positioned to counter new and emerging health threats on the sea, above the sea, below the sea and on the battlefield.

**Health:** We will provide the best care our nation can offer to Sailors, Marines, and their families to keep them healthy, ready, and on the job.

The majority of our uniformed Sailors and Marines were born after 1986, and they have a different view of the world than the generations before them. Their view is driving change in the way we deliver health care

today. Nothing is more important than the health and well-being of Sailors, Marines and their families and my priority is to continue ensuring that your health needs are met in ways that are convenient and acceptable to you, ensuring they are full partners in their health and readiness.

**Partnerships:** We will expand and strengthen our partnerships to maximize readiness and health.

Through our partnerships we are a stronger Navy Medicine health system. We aim to preserve peace and security and grow our capabilities to save lives by joining in the development efforts of our sister services, allies and the private sector. I pledge to continue investing in those uniquely inherent capabilities, making Navy Medicine America's most reliable health care provider for Sailors, Marines and their families.



*(U.S. Marine Corps Combat Camera photo by Lance Cpl. Jose Villalobosrocha/Released)*

Families sleep well knowing that Navy Medicine has the watch and their loved ones will receive the best care our nation can offer, today and tomorrow. I thank each of you for your service, sacrifice, and commitment to our Navy, Marine Corps and nation. I am proud of each of you and honored to serve as your 38<sup>th</sup> Navy surgeon general.

Forrest Faison III

Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy





### **Navy Surgeon General Commander's Guidance**

Today's Navy and Marine Corps team is the most highly trained, educated, and specialized force in history. Their needs and expectations continue to change in today's evolving landscape. Therefore, to keep our Navy and Marine Corps team healthy, on station, and ready to do our nation's work, Navy Medicine must adapt and provide so Sailors, Marines and their families the best care our nation can deliver.

#### **Vision**

The Navy and Marine Corps family has the best readiness and health in the world

#### **Mission**

Keep the Navy and Marine Corps family ready, healthy and on the job

#### **Guiding Principles**

Honor the trust to provide the best care to those who defend our freedom

Honor the uniform we wear

Honor the privilege of leadership

### **Commander's Priorities**



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**HEALTH:** We will provide the best care our nation can offer to Sailors, Marines, and their families to keep them healthy, ready and on the job.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** We will expand and strengthen our partnerships to maximize readiness and health.

We are a maritime nation and have been since our founding. Our peace and prosperity are linked to the security of the seas and littorals. To protect that peace and security, America has the greatest and most capable Navy and Marine Corps the world has ever known. The role of Navy Medicine in preserving the health and fighting readiness of that force has never been greater or more critical.

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